(c) whether there is also a demand to undertake re-verification of membership of various Unions/Associations operating in the NACIL?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) There is a dispute between Aviation Industry Employees' Guild, Air India Service Engineers Association and Air India Employees' Union about the practice of deducting Labour Union Membership fees from their monthly salaries. Ministry of Labour and Employment, however, declined to refer the dispute for adjudication as demands of the Union do not constitute an Industrial Dispute.

(c) Yes, Sir. There is a demand from Air India Service Engineers Association and Air India Employees' Union of erstwhile Air India Limited for verification of membership for the purpose of deciding the majority.

Foreign equity in national carrier

2774. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the foreign equity in the national carrier; and

(b) the guidelines prepared in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) There is no foreign equity in the national carrier.

(b) Does not arise.

Deterioration in the quality of service of Air India

2775. SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for deterioration in the quality of service of Air India in domestic flights;

(b) whether new infrastructure is provided to private airlines and old ones kept for Air India; and

(c) whether the staff and officers of Air India have lodged complaints against the management of Air India, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) The quality of Air India's services are at par with other well established full service carriers. These are continuously monitored and upgraded.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The process of dialogue between employees/ unions and the management is an ongoing activity.

Private airlines dues to AAI

2776. SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN SINGH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state: